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1. V. SAMORUKHOV, DEPUTY CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION, ASKED TO SPEAK WITH PAN AM REP DRAHORAD WHEN LATTER WENT TO MINISTRY ON DECEMBER 21 TO PICK UP SIEVER'S DRIVER'S LICENSE, REFTEL A. FOLLOWING POINTS WERE RAISED BY SAMORUKHOV IN THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION.

2. HE ASKED DRAHORAD WHAT EFFECT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE'S APPOINTMENT WOULD HAVE ON CURRENT CIVAIR ISSUES GIVEN THE FACT MR. VANCE HAS SERVED AS A BOARD MEMBER OF PAN AM. DRAHORAD ANSWERED THAT ON ASSUMING OFFICE, THIS CORPORATE AFFILIATION WOULD BE TERMINATED BY THE SECRETARY-DESIGNATE. U.S. PUBLIC OFFICIALS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO RETAIN LINKS TO PRIVATE CONCERNS WHICH COULD CONFLICT WITH THEIR OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITIES. THUS MR. VANCE'S PRESENT POSITION SHOULD NOT AFFECT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

3. SAMORUKHOV EXPRESSED HIS DISLIKE FOR THE PRESENT TICKET REVALIDATION REQUIREMENTS IN EFFECT FOR BOTH AIRLINES. HE SAID THIS WAS AN INCONVENIENCE TO PASSENGERS ON BOTH SIDES AND HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MEASURES RESCINDED ON A RECIP-
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ROCAL BASIS.

4. SAMORUKHOV INDICATED CONCERN THAT THE U.S. SIDE HAS NOT RESPONDED WITH A PROPOSED DATE FOR THE CIVAIR TALKS IN JANUARY. HE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE TALKS WOULD BE HELD IN A "REASONABLY SHORT" PERIOD OF TIME. IF SO, HE

THOUGHT THE ISSUES COULD BE RESOLVED SO AS TO PERMIT
PLANNING OF SUMMER SCHEDULES BY THE AIRLINES. HE EXPRESSED
WILLINGNESS TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FOR THE TALKS, EVEN
ON SHORT NOTICE.

5. COMMENT: WHEN THE SOVIET PRESS CARRIED THE ANNOUNCEMENT
OF THE SECRETARY-DESIGNATE'S APPOINTMENT, MR. VANCE'S
BOARD MEMBERSHIP OF PAN AM WAS MENTIONED. THIS POINT HAS
BEEN PICKED UP BY THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MAY BE
CAUSING THEM SOME CONCERN. THIS COULD BE A SUBTLE
FACTOR WORKING IN OUR FAVOR WHEN THE TALKS RESUME. SAMOR-
UKHOV'S UNEASE ABOUT THE SUMMER SCHEDULE AND HIS DISTASTE
FOR THE REVALIDATION PROCEDURES INSPIRED BY THE CAB ORDER
MIGHT ALSO POINT TO A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE SOVIET ATTITUDE
WHEN THE TALKS RESUME. AT ANY RATE, ACCORDING TO
DRAHORAD, SAMORUKHOV APPEARED ANXIOUS TO GET ON WITH THE
TALKS AND CONCERNED THAT NOT DATE HAD YET BEEN PROPOSED BY
THE U.S. SIDE.
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